

# Wakefield JV Nine Ready

After three weeks of training Coach Maynard Haithcock is still undecided on a starting line-up for his Wakefield Junior Varsity baseball squad.

Although the big cuts have already been made, Skipper Haithcock is anticipating a few more slices in trimming his squad down to fit the twenty uniforms on hand.

After spending a year with the Varsity, pitchers Butch Varden and Gorman Purdy have been working out with the Little Warriors this spring, as well as third baseman Jed Miller.

All of these lads who have played for Mort Irwin's Varsity outfit last year are rated a fighting chance of getting back with the big boys, but Wakefield officials are keeping a sharp eye on young sophomores since most of the current crop of Warriors will be Seniors next year.

Butch is probably the best hurler on the Little Warriors' squad, but Lloyd McGill, kid brother of Varsity chucker Mert, rates a close second. Bob O'Mahundro and Gorman Purdy round out the solid nucleus of Haithcock's mound attack.

At first base Chuck Post is the leading candidate but the other infield positions have at least two aspirants running neck and neck.

At second base the Little Warriors have Lemar Burton and Chuck Pierce slugging it out. Dick Mason and Sonny Riley are struggling with each other over the shortstop's job. Mason is a sharp fielder but he has been weak on hitting, while little is known about Riley.

At third base Jed Miller will have to out hustle Ralph Compton.

Don Post (no relation to Chuck) is fighting with Bob Bliss for the catching assignment.

The Little Warriors have a scant three men in the outfield while utility man Bob McVane could play in the pasture or hold down several infield jobs. Despite the lack of competition for outfield berths, nobody is sure of anything in the meadow.

Mort Irwin, skipper of the Varsity Warriors, has six outfielders on hand and if he once decides that some of them aren't on the ball he might ask Coach Haithcock to take them back for a little seasoning.

Wakefield's Jayvee opens its season on April 13 at Oxen Hill High School, where the Little Warriors will challenge the Maryland school's Varsity. Oxen Hill's ball club is coached by Eddie Creasant, the man who, just this past winter, directed the Hillmen to the most successful basketball season in the school's history. If his baseball squad is any comparison, the Little Warriors will have their hands full.

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